



What do I need to know about deterring Steller sea lions?

West of 144° W longitude

No person is allowed to deter (i.e., haze or harass) a Steller sea lion

- The law only allows deterrence of endangered species if there are special measures in place. NOAA Fisheries is currently developing special measures but these are not yet available.

East of 144° W longitude

You may deter a Steller sea lion so long as methods do not result in serious injury or death

- Commercial fishermen may deter Steller sea lions from damaging gear or catch.
- Steller sea lions may be deterred to protect private property, including gear and catch.

Am I required to submit reports if I injure or kill a Steller sea lion during the course of commercial fishing operations?

YES! For incidental marine mammal injuries and mortalities to not violate the Marine Mammal Protection Act, you must report all such incidents **WITHIN 48 HOURS** of the end of the fishing trip.

Questions? Call (907) 586-7240

“Injury” is defined as a wound or other physical harm. Any animal that ingests fishing gear or any animal that is released with fishing gear entangling, trailing, or perforating any part of the body is considered injured, regardless of the presence of any wound or other evidence of injury, and must be reported.

Complete the mortality/injury reporting form here: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/interactions/mmap/>

How can I help reduce Steller sea lion-fishery interactions?

- **DO NOT FEED SEA LIONS!**
- **KEEP A CLEAN DOCK AND BOAT** – do not leave whole fish or discarded fish pieces where sea lions can reach them.
- **ENCOURAGE A “NO FEEDING” POLICY IN YOUR COMMUNITY.**



WHY FEEDING STELLER SEA LIONS HURTS ALL COMMERCIAL FISHERIES:

-  Sea lions become habituated and more likely to follow your boat and interact with your catch and gear.
-  Sea lions become aggressive and YOU or your fellow fishermen can be bitten and injured.
-  Sea lions pass on these behaviors to other sea lions, continuing the problem.
-  Sea lions become entangled, injured, or killed giving your fishery a bad reputation.

DON'T LET THIS BE YOU!



THIS IS ILLEGAL!

REMINDERS:

- **STAY SAFE:** Individuals attempting to deter nuisance Steller sea lions do so at their own risk.
- **DO NOT HARM or KILL Steller sea lions** – they are protected by law.

Report violations to NOAA law enforcement:
1-800-853-1964